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DAMASCUS FOR USDEL SECRETARY; ROME FOR VATICAN OFFICE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, EG, VT
SUBJECT: VATICAN TO SEND OBSERVER TO CAIRO CONFERENCE

REF: ROME 20323

1. WHEN HAVING DINNER WITH ACTING MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS BOUTROS GHALI LAST NIGHT, HE ASKED IF WE HAD HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT A VATICAN DESIRE TO SEND AN "OBSERVER" TO CAIRO CONFERENCE. HE HAD SHORTLY BEFORE BEEN NOTIFIED INFORMALLY THAT THERE MIGHT BE SUCH A WISH. TOLD HIM THAT BY CHANCE WE HAD RECEIVED A TELEGRAM ON THE SUBJECT SHORTLY BEFORE AND SHOWED HIM A COPY.

2. GHALI NOTED THAT VATICAN REQUEST, IF FORMALLY MADE, POSES PROBLEM FOR GOE. DECISION HAD EARLIER BEEN REACHED THAT SELECTED FRIENDLY ARAB STATES (SAUDI ARABIA) MIGHT SEND OBSERVERS, IF THEY WISHED, BUT ANY REQUEST FROM NON-ARAB STATES TO DO SO WOULD BE POLITELY DECLINED. HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE PRESIDENT ON HOW THE
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VATICAN REQUEST SHOULD BE HANDLED.

3. TODAY GHALI CALLED BACK TO SAY THAT UP TO NOW NO FORMAL VATICAN REQUEST RECEIVED. IF SUCH A REQUEST IS RECEIVED, IT WILL BE POLITELY DECLINED ON THE GROUNDS . THAT IN AT LEAST THIS FIRST PHASE OF THE CAIRO CONFERENCE, PARTICIPATION WILL BE LIMITED TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE .

GENEVA CONFERENCE WHO WISH TO ATTEND AND THE PALESTINIANS
IF THEY CARE TO DO SO. AT A LATER STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE,
DEPENDING UPON THE WISHES OF THE ORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS,
OUTSIDE "OBSERVERS" MIGHT BE CONSIDERED. IN THE MEANTIME,
IF MONSIGNOR FRANCESCO MONTERISI HAD ANY MESSAGE THAT HE
WISHED TO CONVEY, GHALI WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH
HIM TO RECEIVE THE PAPER. THE MONSIGNOR COULD BE
ASSURED THAT THE VATICAN PAPER WOULD BE CAREFULLY
STUDIED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE OTHER DELEGATIONS
FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.

4. GHALI SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS WE MIGHT CONVEY ABOVE
INFORMALLY TO APPROPRIATE VATICAN AUTHORITIES.
I SUGGESTED THIS OUGHT MORE APPROPRIATELY TO COME FROM
GOE ITSELF. GHALI THEN SAID IF VATICAN APPROACH IS MADE
TO GOE, HE WILL RESPOND ALONG ABOVE LINES. EILTS

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